

**CITY OF LINCOLN
COUNTY OF LANCASTER**

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QUOTATION REQUEST

Quote Prices F.O.B. Destination
Lincoln, Nebraska

Date - 3/12/01
Order No. - 1106 OC
Date Due - 03/26/01

QUOTATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED IN
THE PURCHASING DIVISION OFFICE BY
THE DUE DATE SPECIFIED ABOVE

PLEASE MAKE NECESSARY VENDOR
INFORMATION CORRECTIONS ON THIS FORM:

VENDOR INFORMATION

Return Quotation Request To:

Purchasing Division
K-Street Complex
440 S 8th St Ste 200
Lincoln NE 68508

Item Number /	Description	Quantity	UM	Unit Price	Total Price
42068301499	Mattress, 36" x 76" x 6.5", Water-resistant, fire retardant innerspring w/312 springs consisting of 13.5 gauge wire; insulated cushioning foam w/authentic "Staphcheck" 44 fabric (21 oz. minimum) cover. Complete with information on label to include: size, date of manufacture and manufacturer's name. Price to include delivery to Lincoln, NE	40	EA		

NOTE: A sample may be required prior to award
of order for testing purposes (all samples
remain the property of the manufacturer).

VENDOR MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING

The undersigned represents and warrants that he/she has full and complete authority to submit this quotation and to enter into a contract upon acceptance by the City/County. The undersigned agrees to comply with all conditions above and on reverse side of this document.

COMPANY NAME _____

BY (PRINT NAME) _____

ADDRESS _____

SIGNATURE _____

TELEPHONE _____

TITLE _____

EMPLOYER FEDERAL ID NO. OR

DATE _____

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____

DELIVERY SCHEDULE _____

DAYS ARO

**PURCHASING DIVISION
CITY OF LINCOLN AND LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA
INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS**

1. **BIDDING PROCEDURE** - A bid by a corporation must be signed in the name of such organization by a duly authorized official thereof. Any person signing a bid for a firm, corporation, or other organization must show evidence of his authority so to bind such firm, corporation, or organization. Most departments of the City of Lincoln and Lancaster County agencies are exempt from federal excise taxes and state and local sales and use taxes. Kindly bid without taxes. The City/County will be responsible for paying any taxes which may be due.
2. **FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES** - Each bidder agrees that he/she will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, disability, sex or marital status, and that he will take affirmative action to assure that applicants are employed and that employees are treated during employment without regard to age, race, color religion, ancestry, national origin, disability, sex or marital status.
3. **DATA PRIVACY** - Bidder agrees to abide by all applicable State and Federal laws and regulations concerning the handling and disclosure of private and confidential information concerning individuals and corporations as to inventions, patents and patent rights. The bidder agrees to hold the City/County harmless from any claims resulting from the bidder's unlawful disclosure or use of private or confidential information.
4. **INDEPENDENT PRICE DETERMINATION** - By signing and submitting this bid, the bidder certifies that: The prices in this bid have been arrived at independently, without consultation, communication or agreement, for the purpose of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such prices with any other bidder or with any competitor.
5. **CLARIFICATION OF SPECIFICATION DOCUMENTS** - Bidders shall promptly notify the Purchasing Agent of any ambiguity, inconsistency or error which they may discover upon examination of the specification documents. Interpretations, corrections and changes made to the specification documents will be made by written addenda. Oral interpretations or changes to the Specification Documents made in any other manner, will not be binding on the City/County; and bidders shall not rely upon such interpretations or changes. No addendum will be issued later than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the date and time for receipt of bids, except: An addendum withdrawing or postponing the invitation to bid.
6. **BRAND NAMES** - If and wherever in the material specifications or proposal form brand names, make, manufacturer, trade name, or vendor catalog number is specified, it is for the purpose of establishing a grade or quality of material only; and the term "or equal" is deemed to follow. It is the bidder's responsibility to identify any alternate items offered in the bid, and prove to the City/County that said item is equal to or better than the product specified. If variations are not stated in the proposal, it will be assumed that the item being bid fully complies with the City/County's specifications.
7. **DEMONSTRATION/SAMPLES** - If requested, the bidders shall, at bidder's expense, demonstrate and/or furnish samples of the exact item(s) proposed within seven (7) calendar days from receipt of such request from the City/County.
8. **DELIVERY** - Each bidder shall state on his proposal form the date upon which he can make delivery of all equipment or merchandise. F.O.B. to the City/County at the location specified by the City/County, with all transportation charges paid.
9. **WARRANTIES, GUARANTEES AND MAINTENANCE** - A copy of the manufacturer's warranties and/or guarantees for the items being bid must accompany your proposal. A copy of your company's maintenance policies and costs must also accompany your proposal. Replacement parts of defective components shall be shipped to the City/County at no cost. If defective parts are required to be returned to the bidder, the shipping costs shall be borne by the bidder.
10. **ACCEPTANCE OF MATERIAL** - The finished materials must be new, the latest make or model, of the best quality, unless otherwise specified, and the highest grade workmanship. The material delivered under this proposal shall remain the property of the bidder until a physical inspection and actual usage of this material and/or service is made, and thereafter is accepted by the City/County. The material delivered must be fully in accord with specification documents. In the event the material and/or services supplied to the City/County is found to be defective or does not conform to specification documents, the City/County reserve the right to cancel the order upon written notice to the bidder and return materials to bidder at the bidder's expense. Successful bidder shall be required to furnish title to the material, free and clear of all liens and encumbrances, issued in the name of the City of Lincoln or Lancaster County, Nebraska, as required by the contract documents or purchase orders. Selling dealer's advertising decals, stickers or other signs shall not be affixed to the equipment; vehicle mud flaps shall be installed blank side out with no advertisements. Manufacturer's standard production forings, stampings, nameplates and logos are acceptable.
11. **BID EVALUATION AND AWARD** - The signed bid shall be considered an offer on the part of the bidder. Such offer shall be deemed accepted upon issuance by the City/County of purchase orders, contract award notifications, or other contract documents appropriate to the work. No bid shall be modified or withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) calendar days after the time and date established for receiving bids, and each bidder so agrees in submitting the bid. In case of a discrepancy between the unit prices and their extensions, the unit price shall govern. The City/County reserve the right to accept or reject any or all bids, or part of bids, to waive irregularities and technicalities, and to request rebids on the material described in the specification documents.
12. **TERMS OF PAYMENT** - Unless other specification provisions state otherwise, payment in full will be made by the City/County within thirty (30) calendar days after all labor has been performed and all equipment or other merchandise has been delivered, and all such labor and equipment and other materials have met all contract specifications.
13. **LAWS** - The Laws of the State of Nebraska shall govern the rights, obligations, and remedies of the Parties under this proposal and any agreement reached as a result of this process.

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS
LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA
PURCHASING DIVISION

1. BIDDING PROCEDURE

- 1.1 Bidder shall submit two (2) complete sets of the bid documents and all supporting material. All appropriate blanks shall be completed. Any interlineation, alteration or erasure on the specification document shall be initialed by the signer of the bid. Bidder shall not change the proposal form nor make additional stipulations on the specification document. Any amplified or qualifying information shall be on the bidder's letterhead and firmly attached to the specification document.
- 1.2 Bid prices shall be submitted on the Proposal Form included in the bid document and in a sealed envelope with the bid number and/or description clearly marked on the outside of the envelope.
- 1.3 Each bid must be legibly printed in ink or by typewriter, include full name, business address, and telephone no. of the bidder; and be signed in ink by the bidder.
- 1.4 A bid by a firm or organization other than a corporation must include the name and address of each member.
- 1.5 A bid by a corporation must be signed in the name of such corporation by a duly authorized official thereof.
- 1.6 Any person signing a bid for a firm, corporation, or other organization must show evidence of his authority so to bind such firm, corporation, or organization.
- 1.7 Bids received after the time and date established for receiving bids will be rejected.

2. BIDDER'S SECURITY

- 2.1 Bid security, as a guarantee of good faith, in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, or bidder's bond, may be required to be submitted with this bid document, as indicated on the Proposal Form.
- 2.2 If alternate bids are submitted, only one bid security will be required, provided the bid security is based on the amount of the highest gross bid.
- 2.3 Such bid security will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders when the award of bid is made.
- 2.4 Bid security will be returned to the successful bidder(s) as follows:
 1. For single order bids with specified quantities: upon the delivery of all equipment or merchandise, and upon final acceptance by the County.
 2. For all other contracts: upon approval by County of the executed contract and bonds.
- 2.5 County shall have the right to retain the bid security of bidders to whom an award is being considered until:
 1. A contract has been executed and bonds have been furnished.

2. The specified time has elapsed so that the bids may be withdrawn.
 3. All bids have been rejected.
- 2.6 Bid security will be forfeited to the County as full liquidated damages, but not as a penalty, for any of the following reasons, as pertains to this specification document:
1. If the bidder fails to deliver the equipment or merchandise in full compliance with the accepted proposal and specifications.
 2. If the bidder fails or refuses to enter into a contract on forms provided by the County, and/or if the bidder fails to provide sufficient bonds or insurance within the time period as established in this specification document.

3. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

- 3.1 Each bidder agrees that it shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, disability, national origin, age, or marital status. In the employment of persons, bidder shall take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed and that employees are treated during employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, disability, national origin, age, or marital status.

4. DATA PRIVACY

- 4.1 Bidder agrees to abide by all applicable State and Federal laws and regulations concerning the handling and disclosure of private and confidential information concerning individuals and corporations as to inventions, copyrights, patents and patent rights.
- 4.2 The bidder agrees to hold the County harmless from any claims resulting from the bidder's unlawful disclosure or use of private or confidential information.

5. BIDDER'S REPRESENTATION

- 5.1 Each bidder by signing and submitting a bid, represents that the bidder has read and understands the specification documents, and the bid has been made in accordance therewith.
- 5.2 Each bidder for services further represents that the bidder is familiar with the local conditions under which the work is to be done and has correlated the observations with the requirements of the bid documents.

6. INDEPENDENT PRICE DETERMINATION

- 6.1 By signing and submitting this bid, the bidder certifies that the prices in this bid have been arrived at independently, without consultation, communication or agreement, for the purpose of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such prices with any other bidder or with any competitor; unless otherwise required by law, the prices which have been quoted in this bid have not been knowingly disclosed by the bidder prior to bid opening directly or indirectly to any other bidder or to any competitor; no attempt has been made, or will be made, by the bidder to induce any person or firm to submit, or not to submit, a bid for the purpose of restricting competition.

7. CLARIFICATION OF SPECIFICATION DOCUMENTS

- 7.1 Bidders shall promptly notify the Purchasing Agent of any ambiguity, inconsistency or error which they may discover upon examination of specification documents.
- 7.2 Bidders desiring clarification or interpretation of the specification documents shall make a written request which must reach the Purchasing Agent at least seven (7) calendar days prior to date and time for bid receipt.
- 7.3 Interpretations, corrections and changes made to the specification documents will be made by written addenda.
- 7.4 Oral interpretations or changes to the Specification Documents made in any other manner, will not be binding on the County; and bidders shall not rely upon such interpretations or changes.

8. ADDENDA

- 8.1 Addenda are written instruments issued by the County prior to the date for receipt of bids which modify or interpret the specification document by addition, deletion, clarification or correction.
- 8.2 Addenda will be mailed or delivered to all who are known by the County to have received a complete set of specification documents.
- 8.3 Copies of addenda will be made available for inspection at the office of the Purchasing Agent.
- 8.4 No addendum will be issued later than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the date and time for receipt of bids, except an addendum withdrawing the invitation to bid, or an addendum which includes postponement of the bid.
- 8.5 Bidders shall ascertain prior to submitting their bid that they have received all addenda issued, and they shall acknowledge receipt of addenda on the proposal form.

9. BRAND NAMES

- 9.1 Wherever in the specifications or proposal form brand names, manufacturer, trade name, or catalog numbers are specified, it is for the purpose of establishing a grade or quality of material only; and the term "or equal" is deemed to follow.

- 9.2 It is the bidder's responsibility to identify any alternate items offered in the bid, and prove to the satisfaction of the County that said item is equal to, or better than, the product specified.
- 9.3 Bids for alternate items shall be stated in the appropriate blank on the proposal form, or if the proposal form does not contain blanks for alternates, bidder MUST attach to the specification documents on Company letterhead a statement identifying the manufacturer and brand name of each proposed alternate, plus a complete description of the alternate items including illustrations, performance test data and any other information necessary for an evaluation. The bidder must indicate any variances by item number from the specification document no matter how slight. Bidder must fully explain the variances from the specification document, since brochure information may not be sufficient.
- 9.4 If variations are not stated in the proposal, it will be assumed that the item being bid fully complies with the County's specifications.

10. DEMONSTRATIONS/SAMPLES

- 10.1 Bidders shall demonstrate the exact item(s) proposed within seven (7) calendar days from receipt of such request from the County.
- 10.2 Such demonstration can be at the County delivery location or a surrounding community.
- 10.3 If bidder does not have an item in the area, it will be at the bidder's expense to send appropriate County personnel to the nearest location to view and inspect proposed item(s).
- 10.4 If items are small and mailable, and the bidder is proposing an alternate product, the bidder MUST supply a sample of the exact item. Samples will be returned at bidder's expense after receipt by the County of acceptable goods. Bidders must indicate how samples are to be returned.

11. DELIVERY

- 11.1 Each bidder shall state on the proposal form the date upon which he can make delivery of all equipment or merchandise. Time required for delivery is hereby made an essential element of the bid.
- 11.2 The County reserves the right to cancel orders, or any part thereof, without obligation, if delivery is not made within the time(s) specified on the proposal form.
- 11.3 All bids shall be based upon delivery of the equipment or merchandise F.O.B. the County at the location specified by the County, with all transportation charges paid.

12. WARRANTIES, GUARANTEES AND MAINTENANCE

- 12.1 Copies of the following documents must accompany the bid proposal for all items being bid:
1. Manufacturer's warranties and/or guarantees.
 2. Bidder's maintenance policies and associated costs.
- 12.2 As a minimum requirement of the County, the bidder will guarantee in writing that any defective components discovered within a one (1) year period after the date of acceptance shall be replaced at no expense to the County. Replacement parts of defective components shall be shipped at no cost to the County. Shipping costs for defective parts required to be returned to the bidder shall be paid by the bidder.

13. ACCEPTANCE OF MATERIAL

- 13.1 All components used in the manufacture or construction of materials, supplies and equipment, and all finished materials, shall be new, the latest make/model, of the best quality, and the highest grade workmanship.
- 13.2 Material delivered under this proposal shall remain the property of the bidder until:
1. A physical inspection and actual usage of this material is made and found to be acceptable to the County; and
 2. Material is determined to be in full compliance with the specifications and accepted proposal.
- 13.3 In the event the delivered material is found to be defective or does not conform to the specification documents and accepted proposal, then the County reserves the right to cancel the order upon written notice to the bidder and return materials to the bidder at bidder's expense.
- 13.4 Successful bidder shall be required to furnish title to the material, free and clear of all liens and encumbrances, issued in the name of Lancaster County, Nebraska, as required by the specification documents or purchase orders.
- 13.5 Selling dealer's advertising decals, stickers or other signs shall not be affixed to equipment. Vehicle mud flaps shall be installed blank side out with no advertisements. Manufacturer's standard production forging, stamping, nameplates and logos are acceptable.

14. BID EVALUATION AND AWARD

- 14.1 The signed bid proposal shall be considered an offer on the part of the bidder. Such offer shall be deemed accepted upon issuance by the County of purchase orders, contract award notifications, or other contract documents appropriate to the work.
- 14.2 No bid shall be modified or withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) calendar days after the time and date established for receiving bids, and each bidder so agrees in submitting the bid.

- 14.3 In case of a discrepancy between the unit prices and their extensions, the unit prices shall govern.
- 14.4 The bid will be awarded to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder whose proposal will be most advantageous to the County, and as the County deem will best serve their requirements.
- 14.5 The County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, or parts of bids; to request rebids; to waive irregularities and technicalities in bids; or to award the bid on a split-order basis, or lump-sum basis; such as shall best serve the requirements and interests of the County.

15. INDEMNIFICATION

- 15.1 The bidder shall indemnify and hold harmless the County, its members, its officers and employees from and against all claims, damages, losses, and expenses, including, but not limited to attorney's fees arising out of or resulting from the performance of the contract, provided that any such claim, damage, loss or expense is attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease or death, or to injury to or destruction of tangible property other than goods, materials and equipment furnished under this contract) including the loss of use resulting therefrom; is caused in whole or part by any negligent act or omission of the bidder, any subcontractor, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any one of them or anyone for whose acts made by any of them may be liable, regardless of whether or not it is caused by a party indemnified hereunder.
- 15.2 In any and all claims against the County or any of its members, officers or employees by an employee of the bidder, any subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or by anyone for whose acts made by any of them may be liable, the indemnification obligation under paragraph 15.1 shall not be limited in any way by any limitation of the amount or type of damages, compensation or benefits payable by or for the bidder or any subcontractor under worker's or workmen's compensation acts, disability benefit acts or other employee benefit acts.

16. TERMS OF PAYMENT

- 16.1 Unless other specification provisions state otherwise, payment in full will be made by the County within thirty (30) calendar days after all labor has been performed and all equipment or other merchandise has been delivered, and all such labor and equipment and other materials have met all contract specifications.

17. LAWS

- 17.1 The Laws of the State of Nebraska shall govern the rights, obligations, and remedies of the Parties under this proposal and any agreement reached as a result of this process.